

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1470
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POORNA VIJAY
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India conducted 'Poorna Vijay' exercise in the deserts of Rajasthan in May, 2001;
- (b) whether some air force planes crashed during the said exercises;
- (c) if so, the number thereof;
- (d) how far these exercises have achieved the desired purpose and created confidence amongst our forces to face any threat across the borders;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to conduct such operations periodically to keep our forces fit for any eventuality; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The exercise was conducted in the Western Sector.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. One Mig-21 aircraft crashed during the exercise.
- (d) The exercise has achieved the desired purpose and has further enhanced the confidence of our forces.
- (e) & (f): Exercises of such nature are continuously carried out from time to time.